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Attorney Docket No.	45952
First Inventor	Nobuyuki HARADA
Title	PRODUCTION PROCESS FOR BASIC WATER-ABSORBENT RESIN AND WATER-ABSORBING AGENT, AND USE THEREOF
Express Mail Label No.	

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 52]  
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  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
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  - Detailed Description
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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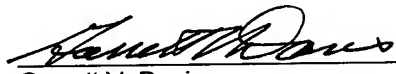
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